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## Motor City Josh ☐ – Forty Four: A Tribute To Howlin' Wolf (2008)



1 Forty Four 2:22 2 Spoonful 4:07 3 Evil Is Goin' On 5:08 4 Back Door Man 4:09 5 300 Ibs Of Joy 3:15 6 I Ain't Superstitious 2:57 7 Sittin' On Top Of The World 2:45 8 Smokestack Lightin' 5:30 9 Little Red Rooster 2:53 10 Built For Comfort 2:55 11 Meet Me In The Bottom 3:59 12 Wang Dang Doodle 3:48 13 Goin' Down Slow 4:42 Motor City Josh - vocals, guitars, tambourine Johnny Rhoades - guitar, backing vocals Chris Douglas - bass Justin Headley - drums Shawn McDonald - piano, organ Jason Rocci - harmonica Stacia Ford, Eric Savage, Chester Burnett- backup vocals

Motor City Josh released Forty Four on his own Ford Music Co. imprint. Every blues man worth his salt has latched on to a Howlin Wolf tune or two in their career. Motor City Josh Ford is enamored enough of the blues giant to have released this collection of all Howlin Wolf covers. That he does so with sizzling chops and wholly impressive vocals speaks volumes to his talent. The CD, at least his 10th, features guest Jason Ricci sharp on a handful of numbers, in addition to Ford shand and other locals sitting in. The star of the show, however, is unquestionably Motor City Josh. He salways been an enticing figure with his swagger and humor sharing equal space. Both are in abundance here. The opening title piece sets the hard driving pace, and his takes on Spoonful Sevil Is Goin On, Back Door Man, Blain Superstition, Sittin On Top pf the World Red Rooster, a rollicking Wang Dang Doodle and other Wolf classics does both the Wolf and Josh proud. This isn ta mere album of covers it is a killer disc. Pretty impressive liners from Josh, as well! ---bluenight.com

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